

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendments, and to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 13 to 15, 19, and 23 to 24.

Status of Claims

Claims 13 to 19 and 23 to 25 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 13 and 16 are being amended. Claim 25 is being added. Claims 13 to 15, 19, and 23 to 24 are allowed. Claims 16 to 18 have been rejected under Section 112, second paragraph.

Amendment

Claim 13 is being amended for editorial reasons to indicate the compound treated in step a) is an indoline, and the resulting compound of step a) is an acetamide.

Claim 16 is being amended to clarify that an indoline is treated with an electrophile as recited in Claim 16. Support for this amendment is found for example in the specification on page 10.

Claim 25 is new and is supported by the specification for example at page 15, Scheme 2.

No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

Response to Rejection Under Section 112, second paragraph

Claims 16 to 18 have been rejected under Section 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The office action has indicated that "... it is not known what is meant by the process of preparing an optionally substituted nitrile compound of step a) from the compound of IV, where the specification teaches the process of preparing the nitrile from a compound of formula V."

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 16 fully complies with the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph as one skilled in the art, especially in light of the specification, would understand how to obtain the optionally substituted nitrile compound

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from the cyclopenta[b]indole compound in Claim 16. However, to facilitate prosecution, Applicants have amended Claim 16 to replace the indole compound with an indoline compound. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 16 fully complies with Section 112, second paragraph.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record and request withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims is earnestly requested.

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